

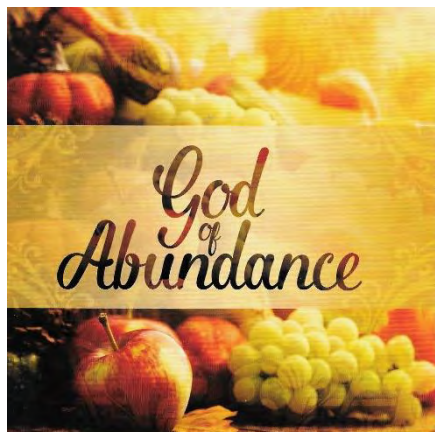


ABIDING SAVIOR

Lutheran Church and School

May 2021

Day By Day



He Is A God of Abundance!

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21 (ESV)

Our God is a God of abundance and blesses us beyond our imagination. We are witnesses of that abundance during the last year here at Abiding Savior. While much has changed, and we continue to adjust how we fulfill our mission to make and nurture disciples who make disciples, we see God's abundance in our school ministry with new and current families being served with in-person classes since August 2020.

We see it in our faithful worship as we found ways to worship in the midst of lock downs and restrictions that both challenged us and led us into new ways of offering worship. We have worshipped in the gym, outside, sanctuary, and online. Christmas Eve services were particularly memorable (not just for the occasional rain) as families and individuals gathered together for

simple candlelight services and the Lord's Supper. Easter also afforded us the opportunity as God's resurrection people to celebrate the joy set before us as the redeemed of God.

One question that I've been asked repeatedly is if we are going to continue to stream our worship service once we can fully return to in-person worship? The answer is an emphatic "YES!" Our online worship allows us to serve our homebound members. It also allows us to reach people beyond our immediate South Orange County community. God has abundantly blessed us with generous donors who helped us expand our capacity to serve people both in our sanctuary with technology, and those who worship with us online. Our plan is to expand the platform of where you can participate in our online stream beyond YouTube. We are also working to develop a team to live stream our Classic Worship service in addition to the Abiding Praise service. God will provide the workers for this harvest.

The question we are asking ourselves at this time is "what's next?" How will God expand our influence in the Kingdom for His glory? I invite you to pray that God will use us in new ways that draw people to Him and His saving grace.



Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Glenn
Philippians 3:12

Love Serve Connect



In our day, great amounts of time and energy are spent talking about prayer. What our Lord wants from us is less talking and more doing. In order to accomplish this, He gave us the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. Right after His ascension to the right hand of God the Father, the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples so that Jesus could be with us always, leading and guiding, blessing and strengthening His church, as He opens our lips to pray. Join us for worship on Sunday, May 23, as we celebrate Pentecost.



A reminder that the Church Office will be closed Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day.



Abiding Savior

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Church Office Hours

Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

School Office Hours

Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Preschool Office Hours

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8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Visit us on our website at
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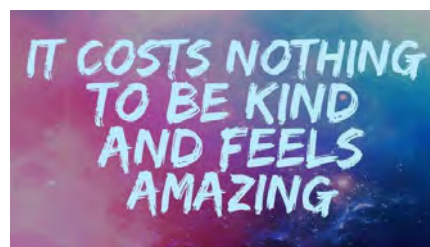
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HEY! YOU IN THE PEW ...

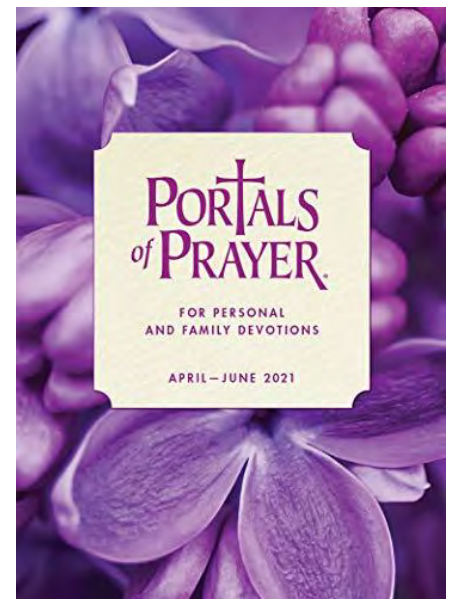
Isn't it great that things are slowly getting back to, well not normal, but at least getting back.

It was great to worship together at Easter and enjoy the beautiful music that Evan Mills and Chris Rogers put together for us to enjoy. The musicians all were wonderful and helped to make the day just that much more festive. Did you notice when the pandemic first hit, everyone seemed to be so kind to one another. People waived, let you in in traffic, smiled and said hello on the streets, everyone just seemed to realize how really blessed we are. Now, here we are more than a year later, and everyone is just still so wonderful and kind, right?????? So, think back over the last year and take a moment to write a thank you note to someone who touched you during that time. If they sent you a gift or perhaps went shopping for you, send them a card mentioning what it is you appreciated and what it meant to you. It doesn't have to be long and flowery, but a kind word can really make someone's day. Did someone call you up, offer to take you to the store, offer to go for a walk with you? Send them a note of thanks.



Long ago, we weren't allowed to play with toys, or wear a new gift until we wrote that thank you note. Now, that has kind of gone by the wayside, but I can assure you, it can really brighten up a day to read a note of appreciation from someone, especially if you aren't expecting it. So, take a moment today to write a short note of thanks to someone that made an impact on your life during this last year. Let them know what it was that you remember and what it meant to you. You will feel warm and fuzzy knowing that you helped someone feel loved.

In His service and yours,
Robin DeLong-Hanrath



Portals of Prayer is great for personal devotions and can be used to open church meetings or Bible studies.

Published quarterly, authors change each month. The April, May, June 2021 edition of Portals of Prayer has arrived.

Pick up your copy from the church office during office hours during the week.

Share one with your friends!!

LADIES GUILD SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Ladies Guild is pleased to announce that the following individuals will receive scholarships to attend the 2021-2022 school year at Concordia University:



Rebekah Mehrley will be in her third year at Concordia University Irvine. Her career goal is to be a Lutheran Elementary School Teacher. She also has a minor in Pre-Deaconess Studies. Some of her activities are Spirit Handbells, Women's Choir which included serving as chaplain on the board of officers, forensics (competitive public speaking), and the narthex refurbishment.



Aine Molvik will be a Junior at Concordia University Irvine. The last two years she attended Irvine Valley College where she excelled academically even as she maintained a busy schedule juggling her studies with part time work at

an afterschool program, and also helps care for her younger siblings. Her most fervent passions are reading and writing. She has a strong work ethic and intellectual curiosity which will drive her to succeed.



Stephanie Rivers is working on her bachelor's degree in Early Childhood and Special Education at Grand Canyon University. She wanted to go to Concordia Irvine, but they dropped the ECE program bachelor's in early childhood and Special Education in ECE. Stephanie has worked in the Preschool Program at ASLS for fifteen years and has been a member of ASLC for 20 years. She is a blessing to the Preschool ministry and program and the children and their families. She attended the first group of "Rooted" and continues to be active with her group.

WHAT IS THE LHM BETTER TOGETHER KIT?

The Better Together Kit is the third box in a series of ongoing Lutheran Hour Ministries' research projects with the Barna Group. This collection of resources is based on what we learned about Christians who use their gifts, talents, and influence right where they live.

The Better Together monograph unpacks the research, profiles those who willingly participate in making their

neighborhoods better and explores how churches and their leaders can come alongside to empower laity and benefit communities.

The two Project Connect booklets (Everyone Is a Gift and Love and Thy Neighborhood) are short, focused pamphlets that help everyday Christians explore how they are called to see the people around them and relate with their neighbors.

The two children's booklets (I Love My Neighborhood! and Precious in His Sight) share the same lessons in rhyming verse for kids to also learn these important principles.

The Hopeful Neighborhood book is written for Christians who are looking to be a blessing to others in their neighborhood and share the Gospel in word and deed. This book is an excellent study for small groups or Bible study groups.

The Hopeful Neighborhood Field Guide leads individuals or groups (whether Christian or not) through six sessions on pursuing the common good of their neighborhood, with engaging online videos.

Lastly, for a fun and entry-level way to engage with neighbors or challenge your small group to get to know their neighbors better, play Neighborhood Bingo (first pack of 12 included).

To get the Better Together Kit, go to: <https://shoplhm.org/better-together-kit/>



PRESCHOOL

Mary Wolfinbarger
Preschool Director



Each year through our National Lutheran School Accreditation process, we are able to celebrate all of the wonderful things that God has done at our preschool. Some of the highlights this year include:

- Our partnership with the "Talking about Jesus" group who came with us on home visits and supports our families as greeters in the morning and at half-day pickup. They have also given our children the Lutheran Hour Ministry books for Christmas and Easter.
- Our partnership with Start Well, a community organization that assists with mental health and behavior.
- Our partnership with Quality Start Orange County.
- Our new app, Learning Genie that is used for parent engagement, child portfolios and assessment.
- Mrs. Nagel completing colloquy and accepting our call. Mrs. Rivers continued education at GCU in early childhood and special education. Mrs. Wolfinbarger's continued education in theology at CUI. Ashley Rivers continued education in early childhood. Staff training including the Early Childhood Equipping Conference, the All Workers Conference, Challenging Behavior, Pyramid Model,

and Curriculum and Instruction.

- Licensing our nursery for future use.
- Winning the Orange County Parenting Magazine Award for Best Preschool.
- Updating our facility with vinyl planking.

We thank you for your continued prayers and support!

Registration for the 2021-22 school year has begun. If you know of anyone who would benefit from our Christ-centered developmentally appropriate program, please have them contact our Admissions Director, Yesi Naber, for more information on the center or to schedule an appointment for a tour, at 949.830.1460 x2113 or ynaber@abidingsavior.com. You can also visit our website at www.abidingsavior.com.

Upcoming May dates include:
3-7 Teacher Appreciation Week
31 Memorial Day – No School or Extended Care



Scrip is a gift certificate program that provides a variety of gift cards for purchase. The gift certificates are purchased by the scrip program at a discount and sold to participants at face value. The difference is profit. This profit is split (50/50) between the school and the family purchasing the scrip. We use these funds for non-budgeted items, and families will receive a tuition credit for the following school year.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Donna Lucas,
School Principal



Elementary School FunRun is a Huge Success

On March 26, the school held a Jog-a-thon that raised \$23,000 for the school playground surface upgrade. This surpassed all initial goals. The event was held on campus taking in account all necessary COVID-19 protocols. It was a safe and fun event for the students. It actually snowed on the students as they ran their laps. Since the students surpassed the goals and raised more money for the school, the top 10 money raisers in TK-4 and in 5-8 sprayed Mrs. Lucas with Silly String. We thank everyone for the huge support for our school.



YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR FUNDRAISER

For just \$50 you will get three delicious meals to take home and enjoy with your family. Plus, \$10 from each order is automatically donated to our cause.

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL AND SIGNUP TODAY!



Help Abiding Savior PTL Reach Our Fundraising Goals!

During this exclusive pick up event, you will receive THREE delicious meal kits (3-servings each) to take home and enjoy with your family for just \$50. You will also learn about how easy family dinners can be and \$10 from each purchase is automatically donated back to the PTL.

Need larger meals? Place a second duplicate order for the next session time, choose the same 3 meals, and write in your order notes "large meals, preferred session time."

The Dream Dinners team will reschedule both your sessions to the preferred session time, and make large, 6-serving, meals for you to pick-up and donate \$20 to the PTL!

Email lakeforestca@dreamdinners.com for questions or call 949.563-1173.

Choose 3 meals from the following options:

- * Petite Swiss Bacon Quiches
- * Charhouse Chicken Sandwich
- * Buffalo Ranch Chicken with Summer Grilled Vegetables
- * Chipotle Shrimp with Mango Salsa and Jasmin Rice
- * Baked Penne Chicken Alfredo

To register, choose your time and copy and paste the following link into your browser:

Friday, May 7 | 9AM:
<https://dreamdinners.com/session/883383>

Friday, May 7 | 9:30AM:
<https://dreamdinners.com/session/883384>

Friday, May 7 | 10AM:
<https://dreamdinners.com/session/883385>

Friday, May 7 | 4:30PM:
<https://dreamdinners.com/session/883386>

Friday, May 7 | 5PM:
<https://dreamdinners.com/session/884767>

GIFT A MEAL TO A TEACHER!

You can add a meal to your order at pick-up curbside to be gifted to one of our wonderful Abiding Savior teachers! Dream Dinners will donate another \$2 for each meal gifted.

WHAT A RELIEF TO BE ABLE TO SAY

"Dinner is Ready"

At Abiding Savior Sonshine Camp we know that through faith we can accomplish anything. Through exciting and creative STEAM enrichment activities, all campers will explore science, technology, mathematics, arts, athletics, self-esteem, values, and more in a Christ-Centered atmosphere!

Sonshine Day Camp will be offered for 9 weeks beginning June 9th and ending August 6th, 2021.

There will be no camp Monday, July 5th. Our camp is open to all children entering 1st – 6th grade in the fall.

Due to Covid-19, we are limiting our registration to church members, school families, and children that enrolled in our day school for the fall of 2021.

Download and fill out the registration forms using Adobe Acrobat, not in your web browser. Once completed, you can save the PDF, print, sign, scan and submit by email to Ms. Deana Hicks, Director of ESC at dhicks@abidingsavior.com or contact the school office for a registration packet to be emailed or mailed.

You can count on our summer program to be a high quality, excellent program, with fully trained staff ready to care for your children.

We pray you will take advantage of our wonderful program this summer.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 949.837.4289.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

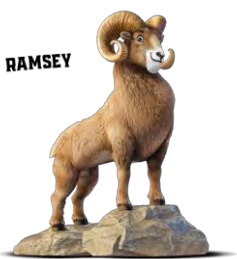


Vacation Bible School this year is from July 19 through July 23 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs.

Each day at Rocky Railway vacation Bible school, kids track through field-tested rotations that reinforce relevant Bible Points and immerse kids in new adventures.

At Rocky Railway, one memorable Bible Point is reinforced throughout each station, each day—making it easy to apply long after VBS is over. Bible points include:



Jesus' power helps us to do hard things.



Jesus' power gives us hope.



Jesus' power helps us to be bold.



Jesus' power lets us live forever.



Jesus' power helps us be good friends.

Space is limited, so please visit the Abiding Savior Website to register your child today.

Volunteers are also needed to make this week memorable for the kids. Please consider helping us out. We need help with the following positions: Bible Leader, Bible Leader Assistant, "Cam Track" Actor, Elementary Crew Leader, Elementary Crew Leader Assistant, Games Leader, Games Leader Assistant, Imagination Station Leader Assistant, KidVid Cinema Leader, KidVid Cinema Leader Assistant, Nursery Volunteer, Openin and Closing Leader (Emcee), Preschool Bible Leader, Preschool Bible Leader Assistant, Preschool Craft and Play Leader, Preschool Craft and Play Leader Assistant, Preschool Crew Leader, Preschool Director, Preschool Exploration Stations Leader, Preschool Exploration Stations Leader Assistant, Preschool Games Leader,

Preschool Gamers Leader Assistant, Preschool KidVid Cinema Leader, and Preschool KidVid Cinema Leader Assistant.

Please visit the Abiding Savior School and Preschool websites to register and to view a description of all the positions.



Bark- The Smart Way to Keep Kids Safer Online

Bark helps families manage and protect their children's online lives. Bark monitors 30+ of the most popular apps and social media platforms, including text messaging and email, for signs of digital dangers. Screen time management and web filtering tools help you set healthy limits around how and when your kids use their devices.

Visit <https://www.bark.us/what-bark-monitors> and select your child's device to learn more about what Bark monitors.

Abiding Savior now has a mobile app!

- Stay up to date with the school and preschool's calendars and weekly newsletters
- Order Friday lunch right from your phone
- Submit an Absence Form
- Receive notifications about special events, early dismissals, and reminders
- And more! Download the app today!



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 9a-Altar Guild 5p-Informal Worship Service
2 Worship Schedule- See chart at bottom of Calendar 11:30a-Rooted	3	4 8:30a-Large Print Center	5 9:30a-Adult Ed Bible Study 6p-Confirmation Instruction 6p-Youth Group 6p-Rooted	6 7:30p-Abiding Praise Practice	7	8 9a-Altar Guild 5p-Informal Worship Service
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WORSHIP | COMMUNION SCHEDULE

In Person Classic Worship – Sunday 8:00 AM

In Person Informal Worship – Saturday 5:00 PM

In Person Abiding Praise Worship – Sunday 10:15 AM

Live Stream Abiding Praise Worship Via You Tube – Sunday 10:15 AM

Communion Offered 1st and 3rd Weeks

Communion Offered Weekly

Communion Offered 2nd and 4th Weeks



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Return Service Requested
Time Dated Materials



COFFEE & DONUTS

Would you like coffee & donuts on Sunday mornings?

If so, we need people to sign up to host at specific times. Hosts will serve coffee and donuts following safety protocols wearing a mask and gloves. We need people to serve from 7:40 AM - 8:00 AM and from 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM on Sundays.

You can sign up by using the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e4aa5ac2aa7fb6-sunday>



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AS YOUR NON-PROFIT
OF CHOICE AND AMAZON WILL DONATE TO US!